



Clayton Chemical Co.

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Mr. Richard Carlson, Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
2200 Churchill Road
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Clayton Chemical Company is a permitted resource recovery facility involved primarily in solvent recycling.

We are located in the industrialized Village of Sauget, Illinois and have existed at this location for nearly 23 years.

During our tenure in Sauget we have witnessed first hand the substantial increase in environmental regulations in the air, water, land, and toxic substances arenas. While not in agreement with all EPA policies we are confident that the total environmental effort spearheaded by your agency is beginning to demonstrate its positive effects.

Much remains to be done and Clayton Chemical is pleased to have the role of a hazardous waste recycler, as a parallel if not an integral component of the EPA/RCRA effort.

Many land disposal sites have been operated in the greater Sauget/East St. Louis area and in the Great American Bottoms in general. This area has been heavily industrialized since the early 1900's.

Our close proximity to these sites and the porosity of local soils coupled with rapidly changing liability issues has generated some concern at Clayton Chemical in that we pump nearly 30,000 gallons per day of groundwater from our on site well for cooling water purposes.

Our concern is that a regional groundwater problem may be present. We feel the extent or absence of a problem must be verified through a joint effort of industry and the responsible agencies.

We have previously received some very beneficial assistance from your Southern Region D.L.P.C. Manager Ken Mensing and his staff regarding analysis of a groundwater sample and identification of potential sources of contamination.

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